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1. An organizational chart of the Directorate of the Hungarian State Railroads which has its seat in Budapest, has been prepared. The status is as of the Summer of 1949.*
2. Operational headquarters in Budapest, Szombathely, Szeged, Ecs, Debrecen and Miskolc are assigned to and receive orders from the Directorate.
3. The following agencies exercise an influence on this Directorate:
 - a. The Soviet Transportation Headquarters at 73 - 75 Stalin ut, Budapest. It occupies the second and third floors of the main building of the Directorate. This section of the building may be entered only with special permits. The superior headquarters of the Soviet transportation group is located in the building of the Ministry of Traffic. Soviet control organs also are attached to the six mentioned operational headquarters. They are mainly concerned with Soviet troop and supply shipments but also exercise rigid control of all track maintenance work and new construction projects.
 - b. The Central Transportation Headquarters, an organ of the Hungarian Ministry of Defense, organized in 1949.**
 - c. The Cadre Department, which is completely independent of the Directorate and is directly assigned to the Central Executive Board of the Party. It exercises decisive control over the entire personnel policy of the Directorate and

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rules on every application for employment with the Hungarian State Railways.

d. The Social Welfare Department, also an organ of the Party. It rules on all questions of a social nature. ***

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25X1A ** [REDACTED] Comment. The Central Transportation Headquarters of the Hungarian Ministry of Defense (Honved) existed before World War II. It was invested with ample power. It was not established in 1949, as reported by source, but rather was reorganized or revived. The Central Transportation Headquarters has charge of military transportation interests.

25X1A *** [REDACTED] Comment. In the process of stricter centralization, the previously independent State Railroads (MAV) were incorporated as an independent department into the Ministry of Traffic in the Spring of 1949. At the same time the influence of the Communist Party and the trade union was placed on a firm basis, a common procedure in all people's democracies. The Soviet influence which is exercised under the pretext of control of Soviet transit traffic is not conspicuous, but very effective.

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